

REMARKS

Examiner Tolan is thanked for the courtesy extended during the Office Interview on July 22, 2009.

It is believed that the Interview Summary accurately reflects what was discussed at the Interview.

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1, 7-9, 11, 13, 15-18, 20, 25 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Rolf (U.S. 5,806,358), the rejection Claims 1-6, 10-12, 19 and 25-30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kutzscher et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,987,952), the rejection Claims 26, 27, 29 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Himmeroeder (U.S. Patent No. 5,404,640), the rejection of Claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kutzscher et al. ('952) in view of Hodjat et al. (U.S. Patent No. (5,947,853), the rejection of Claims 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rolf (U.S. Patent No. 5,806,358) in view of Friese (U.S. Patent No. 5,619,879), and the rejection of Claims 23 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rolf ('358), is hereby requested.

As stated in the Interview Summary, "Mr. Krinsky suggested incorporation of claim 3 into independent claim 1 and incorporation of claim 5 into independent claim 2. The limitations of claims 3 and 5 overcome Rolf and Kutzscher". Therefore, Independent Claims 1 and 2 are considered to be in condition for allowance and reconsideration of these rejections and allowance of Claims 1 and 2 is respectfully requested.

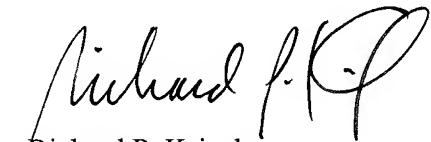
Claims 3 and 5 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claims 4 and 6-30 depend from either Claims 1 or 2 and are considered to be allowable for at least the same reasons as Claims 1 or 2 and for their own limitations as well, and such is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-30 and the Application are in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (808/44878).

Respectfully submitted,



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